(c) and (d) The State Government have taken a number of steps to curb the activities of the various militant groups including strengthening of the border out-posts and deployment of BSF and other paramilitary forces along the border and in the affected areas, and establishment of SPO posts in the villages. The Central Government is extending all assistance as and when required. Discussions have also been held with leaders of various political parties to find a solution to the problem.

Attacks on Passengers on South Bound Trains

1992-A. SHR1 E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that attacks on the passengers are increasing in South bound trains; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take adequate steps to give protection to the passengers travelling in these trains to Kerala and other parts of the Southern States from New Delhi/Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime on the railways is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. Information regarding crime on railways is not compiled separately by the central agencies. The Government of India have no information to indicate that , attacks on the passengers in South bound trains are on the increase.

(b) Government Railway Police provides escorts on Super Fast/Mail Express Trains according to the local conditions and requirements, Railway protection Force also assists the Government Railway Police in this task as and when necessary.

The Railway authorities also hold coordination meetings with the Government Railway Police authorities of various States for ensuring proper escorting of passenger trains. As and when any deterioration is noticed in the law and order situation in any particular area and the matter is immediately taken up with the concerned police authorities. •

Incidents of explosion in Jayanti Janata Express

1992-B. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some incidents of explosion has been reported in Jayanti Janata Express;

(b) if so, the details of the persons killed and injured separately;

(c) whether incidents of bomb blast or explosion are on the increase in passenger trains;

(d) whether Government propose to take some stern steps to prevent such incidents in future to ensure safe journeys to the passengers; .and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime on the railways is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police which functions under the control of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. It is for the Government Railway Police of the State where the bomb blast took place to register and investigate the case and take appropriate action.